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Garrin walks by with streamers in hand during the Stuart Baker Elementary School Fun Day. See more photos on page 23.

Group gears up on Enduro issue

Jenn Watt

Editor

They refined their arguments, defined a strategy and conjured a uniting group title and on Wednesday the "Silent Majority" will descend en masse on county council's special meeting to persuade eight councillors to keep Enduro bikes off the publicly owned Rail Trail.

About 40 people met June 30 at

Fleming College to discuss what they see as a threat to the 34-kilometre corridor that stretches from Kinmount to Haliburton within the county boundaries and farther south into the City of Kawartha Lakes.

So far, the flat rail bed is open to all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles and all other non-motorized transportation.

Many of those gathered Wednesday saw the potential entry of motorbikes as the beginning of the end for pedestrians and cyclists, who won't want to continue using the trail once the speedy, noisy bikes are allowed on.

"The vote is about whether we let Enduro bikes on, which in turn will probably put the cyclists and the walkers off, that's my view," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, who is one of the votes against the bikes on county council.

One man from the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders came to the

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Relay brings in big bucks

Darren Lum Staff reporter

Haliburton County is being counted as the one of the best Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life contributors in the province

As of last count the county has

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Police charge Oshawa man with drunk driving

On July 1, Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a driving complaint in the village of Haliburton. The OPP located and pulled over the vehicle on Harburn Road. Officers determined that the driver of the vehicle had been consuming alcohol.

An 83-year-old man of Oshawa has been charged with impaired driving, drive over 80, and dangerous driving.

Diane Arppe spotted this deer on Kennisis Lake Road.



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Man charged at G20 has ties to Dysart

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

Gary McCullough, 53, of Whitby, Ont., who received continental media attention for his arrest outside the G20 security zone fencing, has property in the Dysart et al area.

While in Toronto last week McCullough, who was driving his silver Hyundai on Scott Street from the Esplanade, was stopped by police because of the car's large silver box on the roof.

This prompted questioning that led to the police search, which revealed he had an assortment of tools, including a crossbow, arrows, a sledgehammer, four baseball bats, a

chainsaw, fuel canisters and metal rods.

He was arrested and was charged with one count of weapons dangerous.

In news reports the RCMP Integrated Security Unit said the arrest was not related to the G20 summit, but the investigation would continue. The Echo has discovered through Dysart municipality taxing authority records that a Gary McCullough from Whitby owns property in Guilford Township.

There are local residents who confirm McCullough had been spending time in the area for the past year. Since his arrest there have been people who have said they recognized him and the same vehicle, including the makeshift cargo carrier made from sheet metal on his roof that resembles an upside down boat.



Wildlife in your backyard

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Kim Emmerson caught this woodpecker in between pecks in Haliburton.



Enduro meeting time correction

In the article on county council's upcoming meeting on Enduro bikes on the Rail Trail, an incorrect time was published

The special meeting to determine whether the bikes are allowed on the trail is taking place on Wednesday, July 7 at 1 p.m. at county council chambers at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden

The Echo apologizes for any confusion.





Above, Ev Stata was named as the West Guilford Canada Day Citizen of the Year.

West Guilford celebrates Canada's 143rd year

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

West Guilford is shining after a colourful and bombastic display at the conclusion of its Canada Day festivities.

There was a sea of red and white as hundreds came in Canada T-shirts, shorts and assorted paraphernalia to unite with other

A proud Canadian, Ev Stata, wearing a smile as large as the crowd, was named as the Citizen of the Year for her work and effort in making the community a better

Radiant in her sash, glowing beauty Alex Muenzel was this year's Miss Canada Day,

posing for photos and speaking on Canoe FM. Mia Quiguley and Jackie Morrison raised the Canadian flag during the singing of the Canadian anthem.

The ever-popular field races had event goers of all ages enjoying the running, wheelbarrow and potato sack races for ribbons and bragging rights.

NHLer Matt Duchene signed autographs, and challenged all comers in the shootout

Karl Duggan, 87, was the oldest man and the oldest woman was Phrona Sisson, 89, with youngest boy honours to Will Farlinger, born May 11, 2010, and youngest girl to Makayla Trueman, born June 11, 2010.





Above, Macy Love, 3, wins the best decorated bike.

Left, Tanya Sisson, coorganizer of the West Guilford event, leaps to the finish line in the potato sack



Left, Evan Armstrong, 4, runs in the threeand four- year-old field race.



Above, Alex Muenzel is this year's Miss Canada Day for West Guilford.



The fireworks reflect off of Pine Lake.

Photos by Darren Lum

Former Gooderham politicians enter election race

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

The election race in Ward 3 of Highlands East is filling up with candidates thanks to the recent addition of two more nominees.

Beverly MacDuff and Chuck Viner have both filed papers to run for councillor of Ward 3, which encompasses the geographic area of Gooderham. MacDuff and Viner join incumbent Councillor Donna Graham and candidate Cecil Ryall in the race for the seat.

MacDuff, who served on council in the past as both councillor and reeve prior to amalgamation, sees this year's election as an opportunity to re-enter the field of politics for a number of reasons.

"The main reason I'm running is because I feel it is imperative that your ward councillor have open lines of communication with the ratepayers that they're elected by to represent," said MacDuff. "If there is a lack of communication and information being passed on to the citizens, contentious issues will not be brought forward and decisions by council could be made at the risk of services and

the public's well being." One of the ways in which MacDuff believes communication lines could be improved is by facilitating town hall meetings.

Citizens have a right to know what's going on especially if it's going to impact them directly," said MacDuff.

"I also feel there's got to be more communication at council," said MacDuff. "I do believe in evening meetings, I feel that's imperative because people do work and they don't have the opportunity to attend council meetings to find out what is going on."

Beyond communication issues there are a lot of other issues MacDuff would like brought forward to the municipality. "I will be vigilant at council on issues that concern our youth, our seniors and the integrity of council," said MacDuff.

"If you're elected councillor you have to do it because you care about the people in your ward," she said. "It's an ongoing position. People have questions and when they do they expect their ward councillor to be available to them."

Chuck Viner is the most recent name to be filed for councillor of Ward 3. Viner was a member of council for nine years starting in 1994 and was the last reeve of Glamorgan township prior to amalgamation, before being elected to

the municipality of Highlands East.

"I think there are a lot of issues that haven't been addressed," said Viner in regards to why he has decided to run in this year's upcoming election. "One of the issues that people have talked to me about is that sometimes in the wintertime the school bus routes aren't plowed by the time the school bus gets there."

"I have some concerns about our fire department," said Viner. "As well as with the building department, which is something I think can be dealt with because it's costing us business and jobs in Highlands East.

"Taxes are always an issue as well."

Beyond the pressing needs of the municipality and its residents, Viner has a deeper motivation for serving High-

"The other reason I'm running is because I still have the fire in the belly and I'd like to get back at it," said Viner, which is probably the most important reason of all.

"Now I'm an old guy and I hope people don't hold that against me. Before I decided to do this I saw my doctors and got a clean bill of health and they said if you feel up to it go for it," said Viner who is 78. "So I'm going for it."

Ward 2 candidate drops out of Dysart et al election

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

The race for councillor of Ward 2 in the municipality of Dysart et al just got a little bit lonelier for Dennis Casey after candidate Rex Henry withdrew his nomination late last week

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I'm the type of guy who has to keep busy.

- Ward 2 candidate Dennis Casey

Citing personal reasons behind the withdrawal, Henry thanked all of his supporters and wished the candidates good luck in the upcoming election.

Casey, who was born and raised in Haliburton County, has experience sitting at the council table having previously served a term as councillor in the late 1990s. The decision to run again, said Casey, is a reflection of the type of commitment he is able to give now.

"The type of work I was in at that time [during his term as councillor] I was away a lot," said Casey, "so I really didn't do a lot locally because I wasn't here."

Casey, who said he enjoyed his time on council before, believes being back in the community has made him more visible and involved, giving him a better chance at succeeding in this year's election. "The way I go about things is I like going door-to-door to talk to people," said Casey.

"Another reason why I'm running is because I'm the type of guy who has to keep busy."

If elected, there are certain issues that continue to remain of importance according to Casey.

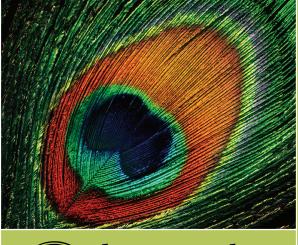
'The basic issues are still there. The landfill site, which I call landfill hill, needs to be looked at. Roads are always an issue, developments are always an issue.

The other thing too that I found when I was on council last time was that sometimes you have people running for council who have just one issue," said Casey. "What I found when I was on there is that you have your own ward but you're also there to support the other councillors, as they are to support you. You're there for the benefit of the whole township." Although Casey is hesitant to declare a campaign motto there is a certain message he is hoping to extend to the ratepayers in the municipality.

"On my signs it says help me to help you," said Casey. "I picked that particularly because I don't have any one issue I'm going after and nothing is being brought forth to me. What I'm offering is my dedication and my sincerity. I'll help with whatever issue that comes along because that's what I'm there for.

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Always a Hawk

From left, John Fitzgerald, who is a former colleague and HHSS teacher, came to wish happy retirement to principal Gary Brohman and teachers Paul Morissette and Walter Tose at the school's office on Monday, June

Darren Lum Echo staff

Local MP Barry Devolin calls expense audit 'a good idea'



Riding geography leads to large travel price tags for both MP and MPP

Lisa Gervais **QMI** Agency

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin said the auditor general looking at MPs expenses as part of an overall performance audit of Parliament "is a

Devolin said the public also welcomes the audit since they believe it is "our money and we want to know where it's going."

He said MPs expenses had always been public but they are now even more so under the audit.

He said the auditor general is looking at all spending on the Hill, including things such as security and parliamentary cafeterias, to make sure there is good value for money spent.

He said 25 MPs would now have their expenses further scrutinized to ensure they have followed stringent spending and reporting rules.

"It is a good idea. I have no problem with that." He said MPs are already on a tight leash.

For example, he said when they want to spend money there are detailed forms to fill out and strict rules to follow.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Rick Johnson gave some of his 2009 expense information to *The Peterborough Examiner*. He said he spent \$258,178 on overall office expenses, which include expenses such as \$149,162 for staff.

Johnson said he spent \$12,438 on travel within his riding last year. "This riding's

Johnson said he drove 608 kilometres on

Canada Day last year moving between Pontypool, Apsley, Minden, Beaverton, Fenelon Falls and Lindsay for events.

"It's a lot of miles," he said. "You'll have a riding in Toronto that might be 12 square blocks."

MP, MPP expenses

April 2008 to March 2009 Haliburton-. Kawartha Lakes- Brock MP Barry Devolin

- staff and other expenses: \$271,487
- travel: \$80,282
- advertising: \$7,283 office lease: \$17,600
- telephone: \$9,925
- printing: \$80,470
- office supplies: \$3,691
- constituency office furniture and
- equipment: \$4,498
- other: \$9,400

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes- Brock MPP Rick Johnson

- overall office expenses: \$258,178
- staff: \$149,162
- constituency office rent: \$25,172
- office operations: \$52,538
- communications: \$31,307
- other phone expenses, such as long distance calling:
- travel expenses from home to Queen's Park: \$4,783
- travel expenses outside of Queen's Park: \$1,718.
- family travel expenses; \$48.84
- travel expenses within riding: \$12,438 accommodation in Toronto: \$19,132.

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Re-examining the trail

izens concerned about Enduro ▲bikes on the Rail Trail, one man suggested something that may be worthwhile: revisit the master plan.

"There really hasn't been a review. Personally, I would like to see council do a proper review - a review like the official plans that they did and get all the research, the information and everything else, and then start to make some decisions about the Rail Trail, whether it should be motorized," Dick Charron said.

There was previously a five-year review of the plan, which many believe was a flawed process that didn't adequately assess the needs of the community, the economic impact of motorized vehicles on the trail or a future governance structure going forward.

Taking time to really research these topics and to let the people of the county get into the nitty-gritty of the arguments would go a long way to establish a solid vision for the trail and would legitimize any users in the

Right now, county council is trying to pull off a balancing act between the motorized users and non-motorized - a relationship that may always be fraught with conflict. It would be useful to have a clear, open discussion about whether

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T THE AD HOC MEETING of cit- this is what everyone wants. Is this the vision of the Rail Trail we want for the future of the Highlands?

> The July 7 meeting on Enduro bikes will undoubtedly upset many on one

side or the other of the motorbikes debate, but even if they are disallowed on the trail, many of the concerns surrounding them will re-emerge around all-terrain vehicles; the sound, liability issues and rail-bed maintenance will continue to cause distress to those on bicycles and on foot.

Big decisions need to be made and a clear, open review of the trail would be a good start.



up at the gas pumps on June 30 was disheartening.

None of those people really believed that buying that last tank of cheaper gas was going to do much to save them money in the long run, but they lined up for it anyway.

It was more of a political statement than an economic one and futile at that.

But what else could they do? The government certainly isn't lis-



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Membership has its privileges

Charlie Teljeur

Thinking Small

O THERE'S THIS WOMAN I met a couple of weeks ago - let's call her Matilda since (a) I can't recall her actual name and (b) there aren't enough stories these days with a Matilda in them

- and she's positively giddy about this little plan she's been sitting on (simply a metaphor since she's not really "sitting" on anything)

Seems Matilda and her husband (Bo?) are roughly two (or three) years away from retiring to this area and she's positively giddy counting down the days to that fateful moment. I know that, for a lot of you, this type of thing (met-

aphorically) strikes a chord. You, being a part time resident of the area, wonder would I, could I, ever make the move to this place and to this way of life full time?

To help guide you, let's go over the residency ground rules. I'm not sure whether these points are meant to encourage or discourage you but, if nothing else, it will certainly enlighten you as to what you know, and what you think you know about becoming one of our proud card-carrying (no cards yet, council still can't decide on the colour) citizens.

First off, you must buy a pickup truck, not because it's cliché but because you'll need it to haul all your stuff like your tools and your dogs and your dogs' tools.

Oh, and if you don't have a dog yet you'll need to get one and if you already have one you'll need to get a second. It's not fashion and it's not stereotyping, it's the law.

You're also no longer subject to some

of the less unimportant rules of the road. Citizens have full rights to "pickup scrums" in which you and your buddy park alongside each other to converse or compare dogs. If you're overly concerned about this practice blocking traffic, be aware we don't believe in traffic.

As a new citizen you'll be fully accountable for all your actions. You will no longer

have the luxury of walking or driving past somebody without acknowledging them. Try practising some waves in the mirror before you head out as a warm up. Your arm may hurt for weeks but at least this will prevent (delay) rumours being started about you and your family (upside: the dogs are exempt).

You are mandated to assist somebody in cutting and splitting firewood and be forewarned, if you bring an axe you will be ridiculed into oblivion.

You don't have to partake in hunting or fishing but you must join an outdoor activity ending in i-n-g.

Oh and don't pronounce the G.



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points of view

Hay now

'N CASE YOU haven't noticed, it's having time right now. That's when someone who owns livestock - not necessarily someone you know, by the way - will call you and provide you with a unique opportunity to move squares bales of hay from the field to their barn.

It doesn't sound like much fun, but believe me it is. First off, you get to visit a pastoral setting where bales are stooked evenly as far as the eye can see.

Generally, the morning is pleasantly sunny and the smell of fresh, sweet-smelling hay fills the air. A nice breeze tempers the



Steve Galea Tales from Vinegar Hill

heat of the day too and there is a sense of optimism and community as you stand atop the hay wagon and begin building a load - a really high load.

As you start out, you can't help but admire that deer that's feeding in the far corner of the field and the incredible beauty of the countryside.

The farmers who are driving the tractors that deliver the bales to you are pleasant and full of ready wit and wisdom too.

And, just like that, it occurs to you that this is not a bad way to spend a day off.

By the second bale, however, your perspective shifts a bit. For instance, you think that this is hardly fair to others. I mean, there you are hogging all the fun when there are thousands of unfortunate people who have never once had the opportunity. My conscience often bothers me when I think about this.

In fact, I am often struck with a huge sense of guilt. For instance, when I am up there dancing among the rafters, happily unloading bales in the barn, I realize that there are people out there who pay ridiculous amounts of money to work out at a gym or spend time in a sweat lodge. Then, there are simply those who love rides on hay wagons or just suffering for suffering's sake. And what about the thousands of animal lovers out there who would like nothing better than to do something kind for cows or horses? Why should I be the only one receiving the satisfaction that this sort of selfless activity brings?

Between you and me, even those who just love puttering around in historic buildings would probably appreciate this opportunity to participate in the inner workings of a barn. With this in mind I believe that next year, I might offer an experiential workshop perhaps called "Hay Fever" where participants, for a meagre fee, actually get to load several hundred authentic bales of hay onto a wagon and then into a historic barn.

Needless to say, the haying season isn't over by a long shot. There are still farmers and horse owners who are actively willing to share the opportunity to get in on this excellent summer tradition. Even so, I pledge to those who have not done this yet that I won't accept any more offers this year - no matter how appealing they might be to me personally. Yes, as much as I love haying, I'm willing to share the fun. With anybody, did I make that clear?

Even next year, if someone - anyone really - feels like they would like the opportunity to step up and enjoy the many wonders of this fine activity. I would, quite unselfishly, give up my spot, so that they too could celebrate it. Sure, as I frolic on the beach or go bass fishing, I might regret it just a bit. But, you know, I think there will also be a part of me who knows that I did the right thing.



pic of the past

lois (Sisson) Somerville dropped by the *Echo* office last week to share her pic of the past. This was the Grade 3 class of West Guilford around 1948-1950. The teacher was Mrs. C. Chambers. In the back ✓row, from left, Casey Somerville, David Henderson, Murray Henderson, unknown, Dino Salvatori, Earl Sisson, Sherman Crickshanks and Marshal Barry. In the front row, from left, Elois Sisson, Fay Titus, Joy Renolds, Beryl Barry, Marlene Sawyers and Elenor Sisson. If you have a pic of the past to share with our readers, drop it off at the Echo office on Highland Street and we will publish it in this spot.

letters to the editor

Lessons and thanks

To the Editor,

Without question in the last few weeks I have learned some valuable lessons about communications. In particular I have learnt how important it is to consider how people will interpret your comments, even those comments made with the best intention, can be misunderstood.

While my comments may not have been as polished as they should have been, my sentiment was to focus on Haliburton and all of the great things we enjoy! No other town in Ontario, or Canada, can offer what we offer. The natural resources, the outdoor recreation, the arts, the infrastructure and the residents, both full-time and seasonal, make us unique. I believe it is imperative for all of us to contribute to the promotion and well being of our

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dagmar Boettcher for her letter to the Echo last week, and also thank all of you who have continued to show me support over the last few weeks. However, I would be remiss if I did not point out that I am only one of a seven-member council, and much of this ground work was started long before this current term of council. I am extremely pleased that as a council, we were able to complete the library, and are about to move forward with the streetscape project.

I am proud to be a resident of Haliburton and invite all permanent and seasonal residents to join me helping make Haliburton even stronger! I hope that I will be able to continue to serve the people as deputy reeve.

> **Janis Parker** Candidate for deputy reeve

Open letter to MPP Rick Johnson

Convening in secret session early in June, some members of the Ontario cabinet passed a provision under the Public Works Act that permitted the police to question, search and potentially detain anyone venturing within five metres of the G20 security fence. Empowered by this provision, during the G20 Summit the police repeatedly infringed upon the civil rights of my fellow citizens.

Arbitrarily and without due consultation, your government has assaulted my fundmental democratic right to occupy the public commons under the presumption of innocence. This sort of intrusiveness is characteristic of a police state.

As my representative at Queen's Park, would you please use the power of your office to respond to the following questions, which are vital to the preservation of democracy in Ontario:

- 1) Who were the cabinet officials responsible for this decision?
- 2) Has the Ontario government enacted other secret provisions concerning the exercise of our civil rights?
- 3) Under what other circumstances can we expect our civil liberties to be abrogated?
- 4) Do you support a full judicial inquiry with subpoena powers into this episode?
- 5) What is your own opinion of this and other such provisions that are designed to curtail civil liberties?

At this critical juncture I will be grateful for your timely reply.

> **Douglas Smith** Carnarvon

This kind of sharing won't work

To the Editor,

Sharing is hard, it means one has to forgo an ideal experience and make a compromise. When I travel on the roads on Haliburton County, I have to slow down and veer to the left to avoid cyclists that may not even understand the rules of the road. You see, there is no requirement for proven skills such as a driver's license or even good vision to operate a bicycle on an Ontario roadway. The operator of a bicycle doesn't have to have insurance or even wear a helmet if her or she is old enough. The county even saw fit to spend my tax money to erect "Share to Road" signs.

There is nothing more exhilarating than pointing out the shortcomings of others, is there?

There was a picture of a child riding on Main Street in another local publication last week; does the child understand what a stop sign is?

Does he have the appropriate skills to be on a roadway? Are there any standards for a safe bicycles or that trailer carrying the child? My licensed and insured vehicle must adhere to a safety standard and I need to have a have a driver's license to be on the same street.

Is the Highlands Cycling Coalition providing my fellow county residents risk man-

agement and liability protection? Who do I sue when I am forced off the road by an errant cyclist during one of your events? Your advertised event put them on the road so your coalition is surely liable to some extent as is the county.

Bicycling is the third most dangerous activity in Ontario according to the MTO statistics, motorcycling is the 10th.

The real scary numbers are the children on bicycles. "There is absolutely no upside" to cyclists on roads when they can do it elsewhere. I don't understand why you want to put yourself and your kids in harm's way when there are safer alternatives, but I support your choice to do so and will proceed cautiously and politely around you.

I also don't like the sound of gunfire during hunting season, it makes me nervous and diminishes my quality of life somewhat but I understand that hunters like to do it and it makes them happy.

I think hiking, skiing and bicycling are boring and a waste of time although I support their need to get out and have fun they way they want to. Somewhere in my past 50 years I learned about tolerance.

The IB&O Rail Trail in Highlands East is unmanaged and shared-use as are most of the rail trails north of highway #7. Madawaska, Maynooth, Gooderham, Tory Hill

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Fireworks worry cottager

To the Editor,

I have been cottaging in the Haliburton area for over 10 years and during the past several years I have started to become highly concerned about the use of fireworks in rural areas.

The use and sale of fireworks during recent times has been slowly creeping up on us until this summer when you really cannot find a retail store that does not sell and advertise these dangerous polluting things. I also took a drive last weekend through the awesome hills of Northumberland County and once again found myself shocked by how many retail stores were promoting fireworks even with massive signs on the side of the highway in this rural area as well.

I can't think of anything positive about fireworks mixing with pristine wilderness and nature. Just pay close attention to your family pets when fireworks are being lit off to know how bad they are for local wildlife populations. Now I am forced to take my dog in the basement and close my windows for protection during many weekends.

They are being used and promoted all over some of our most precious cottage country even during extremely sensitive times when loons are nesting and mateing for example and I know that this can not be a good thing. The retail fireworks of today also appear to be stronger and louder then ever before. Based on my research fireworks produce smoke and dust that contain various heavy metals, sulfur-coal compounds and other noxious chemicals. Barium for instance is used to produce brilliant green colors in fireworks displays, despite being poisonous and radioactive.

Copper compounds are used to produce blue colours even though they contain dioxin, which has been linked to cancer. Cadmium, lithium, antimony, rubidium, strontium, lead and potassium nitrate are also used to produce different effects, even though they can cause respiratory and other health problems. Is this really the chemical cocktail that we want poured into cottage country weekend, after weekend for sale all year round? I say no! The other major concern is the absolute inevitable forest fire situation in a heavily forested area like Haliburton due to careless, impaired or under-age use of fireworks. I was already told by a person involved with the fire department in the Haliburton County area that they are very concerned about this very serious and imminent threat. All for just what

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Truth about fireworks

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amounts to a short thrill and what kind of confusing message are we sending our youth about environmental reasonability with this distructive activity. Do take the time to consider how bad fireworks really are the next time you see yet another big bold display popping up in our local stores.

I would also please ask our local retail is it really worthwhile selling and promoting fireworks based on how dangerous they are for the environment?

The real people making money on fireworks are the irresponsible suppliers who obviously don't care about the negative affect that they have on humans, local wildlife, family pets, nature, air quality and toxic waste ending up in our landfills or even left behind as litter. I think and trust that we are better than this in Haliburton and remember that what goes up must come down!

Please help me get the dirty and dangerous truth out to cottage country about retail fireworks, thank you very much for your time.

> Glenn Burkett Haliburton

More Enduros, fewer cyclists

To the Editor,

Allowing any more motorized vehicles on the Rail Trail will effectively cease use by the walking and biking public.

Those activities will become safer on our roads and highways, for at least there are laws to enforce the rules of the road.

I feel we are destroying the essential reason for developing the trail in the first place. A non-motorized trail is an asset to be pro-

> Janet O'Neil Haliburton

Live, let live

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and Wilberforce rail trails are just fine. The people that use them seem to get along.

Rail Trails are not an ideal experience for anyone that I am aware of, especially when they are shared; they are the transit path to get to my ideal experience, same as everyone else.

Live and let live.

Ken Hoeverman - executive director **Ontario Federation of Trail Riders**



Angelica Blenich Echo staff

The family of the late Robert McCausland stands in front of the community centre with Councillor Donna Graham and Highlands East Reeve Dave

Community centre officially renamed

Angelica Blenich Staff reporter

The Glamorgan community centre was officially renamed the Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre during a special ceremony held on Canada Day. McCausland, who was a former reeve of Glamorgan Township and warden of Haliburton County, passed away in 1992 at the age of 49. During his time in politics McCausland worked to bring a facility like the community centre to the township. "Bob McCausland had a dream, a dream of having a place for the children in this community," said Councillor Donna Graham. "Bob is looking down on us," said his wife Joan McCausland, "and he would be very proud."









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HST causes gas pains

Jenn Watt

Editor

There was a loud rumbling noise at the Independent gas bar June 30 and it wasn't coming from idling cars.

Each pump was occupied by a Haliburtonian filling up his tank and dishing out about the provincial government's harmonized sales tax that came into effect July 1.

Saving only a couple of dollars each by buying gas the day before HST rolled in, their actions were more of a snub to Premier Dalton McGuinty than about the money.

"I can't stand much more of that man," Joan Stamp said of McGuinty while filling up her vehicle and a gas tank for the lawnmower with her husband Ross.

The Stamps, who are pensioners, had planned ahead to get gas before the HST came in and spent \$70.59 for about 74 litres of gas.

The HST has been touted by the provincial government as a business-friendly move that brings together the goods and services tax and provincial sales tax into one easy administrative bundle.

But, with some exceptions, the HST also adds PST onto things that previously were not as heavily taxed.

"I'm on a fixed income. My costs of daily living are going up eight per cent," Bruce Caves of Redstone Lake said while filling one of many portable gas tanks Wednesday.

"McGuinty out and out lied to us ... it's nothing else but



Jenn Watt Echo staff

Many line up for gas the night before the HST took effect causing gas prices to rise by more than eight cents.

a tax grab," he said.

Two hours after starting her shift at 1:30 p.m. that day, gas attendant Adrienne Clark said the Independent had done as much business as it normally would an entire day.

"I knew it was going to be bad," she said, saying she was glad she wasn't scheduled to work on July 1 when the price would increase and customers would be testy.

As for whether the HST will affect how they vote in 2011. the Stamps and Caves have different opinions.

"I wouldn't vote for him anyway," Ross Stamp said. "I guess [politicians] are all the same."

Caves said although he's mad about the tax he's too upset by the cuts of the Mike Harris Progressive Conservatives in the 1990s and would never vote for that party again.

Historic schoolhouse transformed into genealogy museum

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

It's a project that has been 10 years in the making.

On July 18, the historic Walter Kidd Schoolhouse will be reopened as a genealogy museum thanks to the hard work and commitment of a community dedicated to seeing the project through.

The project has primarily been the work of the schoolhouse historical society who raised much-needed funds, including a \$15,000 Trillium Foundation grant and community fundraisers.

"Most of the work on the schoolhouse has been the result of various fundraisers and events we held over the years," said Michele Smith, secretary of the Schoolhouse Historical Society, "including turkey suppers and lunches and a lot of work. When our treasurer added it up, between 1999 and 2006 we raised close to \$20,000."

Located at the Highland Grove Community Centre, the schoolhouse was originally located on Dyno Road, before being moved to Highway 28 in Wilberforce.

"We approached the township and requested that the building be moved up here and resurrected as a museum," said Smith.

Built by a man named Walter Kidd, the original schoolhouse was constructed around the year 1890. Although the details of its history are unclear, according to Smith the building was bought by a hunt camp, which used it for a long time before the schoolhouse was bought by the township in the 1970s.

Upon relocating it to Highland Grove, the historical landmark was in need of some tender loving care.

"We had to do some extensive renovations," said Smith. "After we moved it we found that a lot of the logs were rotten and had to be replaced. We also replaced the windows."

"We have volunteers that have done hours and hours of chinking," said committee chair Jane Rinne, which refers to the process of filling the spaces in between the logs with cement.

The schoolhouse also features original blackboards from the Tory Hill school, discovered by Ken Noble and donated to the museum by the municipality.

Once it is reopened to the public the building will serve as more than a replica of a historic schoolhouse.

"Because we don't have very much space we're going to use the building primarily as a genealogy resource centre," said Smith. "We have already compiled some information and plan to do more once we have the addition of a

computer. At this point it's primarily focused on the Cardiff township, with a bit on the surrounding townships."

"It's an interest from most people to look back on the old settling families from around here," said Carol Rowley, director of the society.

The museum will also serve as an information centre for the community and those passing through.

"I think it's wonderful that the schoolhouse is going to find a purpose and has been restored," said Suzanne Partridge, councillor of Ward 2 in Highlands East. "It's great to have the community involvement."

"One of the things that excites me about being on council is that you can help facilitate community projects like this. It's very exciting."

The historical society is currently seeking volunteers to help run the museum once it is open.

"The plan is to have it open at least four days a week," said Smith.

To celebrate the hundreds, if not thousands, of hours the community has invested into the building, the museum will be celebrating a grand opening on July 18. The event will include a barbecue, genealogical display, pony rides and live music.

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Lennard gathering

Centre, local artist John Lennard stands with his artwork at the opening reception for his show In Praise of Nature at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre on July 3. The show that includes 11 paintings runs from July 3 to 31.



Darren Lum Echo staff

Meeting authors

Left, Haliburton resident Evelyn Morgan shares a laugh with author Ruth Still at the Author's Day event held at the Dysart library on Saturday, July 3. Still, who is a former Eagle Lake resident, had wrote *The Saga of a Canadian Family*, 1733 to 1935.



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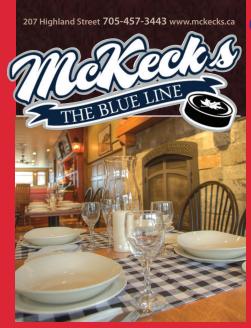
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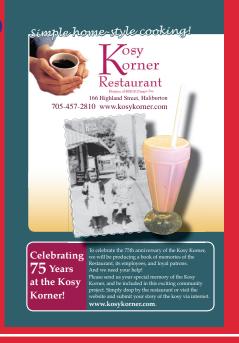
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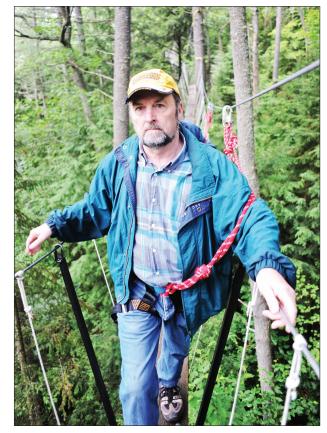
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Clockwise, top left, canopy visitors walk out on the plank to board the voyageur canoes.

Top middle, the first steps on the suspended boardwalk. Top right, the walking is slow and steady.

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Above, the final steps to the canopy tour's suspended boardwalk.

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G8/G20 touches down close to home

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Last weekend was not just any other weekend for Canada, let alone for the nearby cottage country town of Huntsville. For a couple of days, Canada was truly in the global spotlight as the host of 20 of the most influential nations in

Having both the G8 and G20 summits in Canada was. to me, a very noteworthy occasion, but made even more significant given that these events happened so close to

Throughout the flurry of the G8/G20 summit weekend, I had the opportunity to be accredited as a member of the media (thanks to the generosity of the Haliburton Echo!), and as a researcher for the G8 and G20 Research Group at the Munk School of Global Affairs.

This meant that from Thursday to Sunday of last week, I set up camp at the G8/G20 International Media Centre in Toronto, essentially a hub for journalists, television crews, politicians, academics and members of civil society.

Being around the media centre, I was able to hear the opinions of a diverse group of people, ranging from G8/ G20 groupies to complete skeptics.

On the more G8/G20-friendly side, there is a strong belief that these leaders actually have a serious impact on the way the world works, and that bringing these leaders together has an intrinsic diplomatic value that is worth the costs and challenges of hosting the summits. On the skeptical side, there is an equally strong belief that the G8 is an institution of the past, that the summits are a waste of time and money, and that nothing significant is ever really achieved. I fall somewhere in between.

The media centre itself is essentially a giant box filled with everything a media professional could ask for: unlimited food and several big-screen televisions informing them of the most critical international updates - the World Cup scores. There are of course some smaller screens outlining



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Haliburton native **Robin Lennox** attended the G8 and G20 summits on behalf of a research group at the Munk School of Global Affairs.

the press conference schedules for the day, the activities of the leaders, and the progress made throughout the summits, but these tend to attract a slightly smaller and less enthusiastic crowd.

In the media centre, most of your time is spent waiting waiting for press conferences to start, waiting for communiqués to be released and, for most of us, waiting to see President Obama (the rockstar of all the leaders) deliver his speech just a few steps away.

For most of the media personnel, this waiting time is filled by lounging in Muskoka chairs around the infamous fake lake and watching the World Cup matches play on a big screen. One of the biggest personalities huddled around the television over those few days was Jack Layton, apparently a very vocal and animated soccer fan.

On Saturday and Sunday, the protesters became the focus of most of the media attention, much to the disappointment of Torontonians.

As I passed rows of boarded up shop windows, closed public transit stops, and empty sidewalks on my walk home, it occurred to me that the protesters seemed to have impacted the wrong crowd. The leaders and delegations of the G8 and G20 nations were by-and-large unaffected by the mass protests tearing through the downtown core. Instead, it was the average Torontonian who felt the repercussions of the chaos created by the protests.

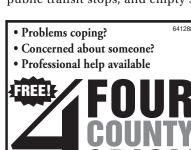
This is not to say that protesting is not a legitimate way to get your voice heard and spread a message - it definitely can be. But smashing shop windows, lighting patrol cars on fire, and disrupting the lives of citizens doesn't exactly invite positive attention to your cause and certainly does not encourage dialogue on the real issues.

Personally, I felt that the deflection of media attention onto the protests represented a wasted opportunity. Instead of the international media broadcasting about Toronto's diversity, Muskoka's natural beauty, Canada's leadership, or even the summits themselves, all the world saw was a group of individuals trying to prove a point by destroying police cars and shop windows. As far as I'm concerned, Canadians have much more to offer than that.

Overall, the Canadian government declared the G8 and G20 summits to have been a success.

We saw a number of world leaders arrive, convene, and depart without any major disruptions. We saw billions of dollars mobilized in funding for development initiatives, such as maternal and children's health.

And we saw Canada stand in the spotlight for at least three days of the year. As far as most weekends go, I'd say that's a little above average.



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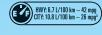
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The graduating class stands for an ovation after Nicole Mazara's speech at the 2010 high school graduation.

Graduating class 'survive' high school

Jenn Watt Editor

High school is a lot like a war: there are great triumphs, but also great losses as students fight battles daily amongst themselves and with the wider world.

And so the class of 2010 did not just celebrate their academic achievements June 29 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School commencement, but also their strength in overcoming great pressures.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," valedictorian Nicole Mazara told the crowd packed into the uncomfortably warm gymnasium, explaining that while oft-quoted author Charles Dickens was referencing a war, he could have just as easily been writing about high school.

Touching on the typical high school fare before taking her speech to a much deeper level, Mazara stood barefoot in her graduating robe in front of her peers, teachers, family members and the greater community and explained not just how fun school could be, but also how hard.

Teenagers don't just coast through those four years of classes, they often must confront a world that isn't always fair, right or kind to them.

They overcome illness, broken families, bullies and social rejection, but when they come out the other side, those high school graduates are better for it.

That betterment is what retiring principal Gary Brohman simply calls being a Red Hawk and as he gave the final address of his career to the group, he didn't waiver from his usual message on the importance of perseverance, compassion and hard work.

Quoting the lyrics of the Canadian Olympic song from this year's winter games, I Believe, Brohman beseeched the students to act bravely with camaraderie going forward.

"I believe in the power of you and I," Brohman said, "think of the power of those words."

The evening ended with vice-principal Irv Sternberg wishing all the grads well on their chosen paths - through more education or in employment - "we are your biggest cheerleaders," he said.



Jenn Watt Echo staff

Nicole Mazara, 2010 class valedictorian, gave a speech that likened surviving high school to surviving a war.





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Golden hopeful walking for more than just the medal

Darren Lum Staff reporter

She might be small in stature, but stands tall when walking for her town.

Haliburton's Ev Stata is 87-years-young and lights up a room with her smile.

This past year at the Haliburton Muskoka Senior Games her win in the predicted walking competition earned her a berth to the Ontario Senior Games Activfest in Oshawa on Aug. 10 to 13.

The spry senior competes in the +75year-old category and walks 1,600 metres. Competitors predict the time they will complete the distance and he or she estimates with the closest time wins.

Stata embodies youthfulness, reserved not just for the young, but the young at

With the exception of two years, when she had a broken ankle and there wasn't a competition held locally for District 11, Stata has been a competitor at every opportunity since the games started 25 years ago. She does not have any intention of quitting after all this time.

She started competing when she accompanied her husband, who has since passed away, when he bowled in the senior

However she attributes her English walker hound dog Pepper as the impetus to her walking.

Even when her dog died she continued



Darren Lum Echo staff

Haliburton's Ev Stata looks forward to the Senior Summer Games in Oshawa where she will participate in the 1,600-metre prediction walking competition.

to walk, feeling a connection to her companion long after his absence.

Every morning and early evening Stata can be seen walking through town, up and

The predicted walker competitor rarely misses a day, taking to the stairs in her apartment when it rains and during the winter months.

Stata's greatest senior games moment was when she won a gold at a provincial games in St. Catharines in 2004.

From her poem I won the gold medal she expresses the feelings at the time the best: "At last, at last, I got the gold. A long, long saga that should be told."

During her years of competition she has been around the province, including two Canada games berths in Portage La Prairie, Man., and Dieppe, N.B.

The provincial and national games are biennial.

In the retirement community where Stata lives she sees a lot of people who could benefit from walking. She hopes that she can be an inspiration for others to get active.

"If you don't use it you lose it," she said, laughing. "I never drive anywhere I can walk."

She attributes 20 pounds of weight loss due to her walking.

Stata has been a former competitor in cribbage, euchre and swimming, but has since focused on walking recently due to carpal tunnel syndrome that left her weakened. She does her best to get to the local high school track when she can to determine her times. As far as any secrets Stata keeps things fairly simple and said it's just a matter of "practice, practice, practice."







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Dusting off

Walking Softly • Column and photo by Steve Galea

p on the sidehill, overlooking an almost-dry seasonal pond, carpeted with blue flag lilies and choked with pickerel rush, is what I call the dust bowl. To the unobservant and to those who hurry, it appears unimportant, I suppose – just a small chunk of exposed sand and rock surrounded by thistles, milkweed, buttercups, orange hawkweed and variety of meadow grasses. And all these things are bathed by the afternoon sun and swayed by prevailing winds.

Some might say this is unimportant, but the wild turkeys love it.

The evidence gathered over the years has confirmed this. I have seen wild turkeys vacate the dust bowl; watched them head towards it; found tracks softly etched within its boundaries; and, several times, have encountered a flock feeding just a short downhill flight away. I have even taken two birds within sight of it, both fine gobblers, strutting in spring.

On this day, however, the evidence was not nearly so blatant. Still, it slowly revealed a wonderful story. Exhibit A was a substantial, secondary wing feather, barred in subtle hues of browns and tans, laying on the grass 40 metres distant, by the edge of the pond. The hunter in me spotted it, but it was the tracker who thought to search for the next sign.

I marvelled at that feather for a bit and realized that today's wind was blustery and not the prevalent one we receive here in Central Ontario. Heavy gusts swept down the hill from the east and therefore, I theorized that this feather was blown out of the dust bowl by a bird that had been recently there. It was a pleasant thought, but only a guess.

I looked downwind and watched the tall grass in the distance roll like emerald waves racing towards a distant shore, upon which the trees shook and quivered nervously, each held down only by roots that clutched the soil below. Suddenly, my faith in that theory grew.

So, I played a hunch and zigzagged again, sweeping the field and following the wind, hoping to find more plumage that had been sacrificed by that turkey in exchange for the dust bath that it took up there on the sidehill.

Within 20 metres I found it – this time a tuft of greyish marabou, which is a remarkable type of inner feather that insulates these hardy birds. It hung precariously on the burdock, twitching with each gust.

I had to smile now. It's not often in nature, especially when wild animals are concerned, that theory and proof jive so neatly. Too many factors can divert the



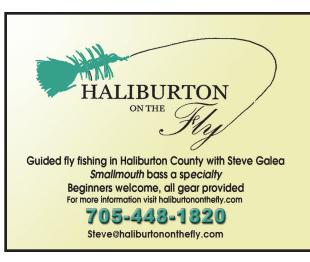
A turkey feather rests in the grass by a dust bowl the turkeys use to dust off.

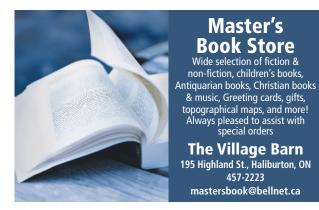
sure thing. A distant sound, the sight of a predator, the sound of human footfalls, each of these unexpected occurrences can change the behaviour that should be into something far less predictable. This is why prey species survive. It's why hunters, more often than not, go home empty handed.

Still, I wondered if my luck would hold out one more time. And sure enough it did. Another 30 metres downwind was the dark, coppery-hued breast feather of a gobbler. It flapped lightly at the base of a milkweed plant, catching my eye with each elegant wave.

I never found another feather, but three was enough to confirm that a gobbler had visited the dust bowl quite recently. Add to that the group of hens that cross into the field every now and again and I was left with good reason to believe that there will be turkeys here next spring, and the one after that.

Some might call this is unimportant, but not me – I love it





Hey world! Love me, love my spots!

don't know about you, but it fries my fanny every time I get a spot on a purr-fectly good blouse or t-shirt that I really like to wear, and I just can't get it OUT don'tcha know.

Why just last week I had to buy something special to wear to the Lake WhaddyathinkImean Legion Liver 'n' Onions Volunteer Supper and Loonie Auction...and if I didn't get cranberry sauce smack dab dead centre on my new \$25 ruffly blouse! And it WON'T come OUT!

So I'm thinkin'...do I never wear that

blouse again because of one purpley-lookin' spot? Or do I splash more cranberry sauce on it and wear it to the Lake WhaddyathinkImean Artsy Ball this summer? It would look all purposeful like a handy-crafted design, don'tcha know.

But then folks who know their way around a kitchen would know right off that ol' Maybelle got heavy handed with some cranberries.

I guess I could buy an embroidered patch that looks like a daisy or a ladybug or something and stick it on top of the spot. Or wear the blouse backwards and pretend somebody just spilled some cranberry sauce on it and I didn't know it was there.

Course I'd have to plant a pitcher of sauce on the serving table to make it look all legitimate-like, don'tcha know.

Now if this one blouse was my only piece of cloth-

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ing with a spot on it, I wouldn't give a dog's bark. But I got a closet FULL of 'em! T-shirts, blouses, sweaters, overalls just hanging there feeling neglected, useless, demoted, displaced, disgraced, forced into early retirement all because of one, just one...SPOT!

Well I say it's time for CHANGE. Time to stop hiding our spots in the closet. Time to take 'em out. Wear 'em proudly. Show the world we got spots and we're proud of 'em. Shout, hey world! Love me, love my SPOTS don'tcha know.

Sure, we got the best spots in North America. Nothing kin take the spots out

of the very fabric of our clothing. The very thread that colours our days and holds our sleeves together.

That's IT! We'll start a new TREND! Make a new fashion statement. An anti-fashion statement.

Why we kin start makin' clothes that COME with spots. In fact, they kin come with a set of indelible colours so you kin make all the spots you want. And we kin launch it with...Spot Pride Week!

Kin you see it? Vilma Yuccch, Twindle Mumbly, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, 'ol Maybelle, Bogart (my bear), and all our friends here in Lake WhaddyathinkImean marching down Main Street wearin' spots?

Why Beanpole Starkman kin fly his bi-plane with a banner that says: Free Yer Spots Now!

After all, who said purr-fect means spot-less?

From ol' Maybelle's pointed view spot-less could mean: not enough spots! Why we could be lookin' at the same clothes we stopped wearin' in a whole new light. A light that's beautiful.

What's that Bogart? (He's been reading this over my shoulder as I've been writing it, don'tcha know.)

Mama Maybelle, I want some spots on my tam o'shanter thought/voice synthesizer hat.

Good bear. I just happen to have some fresh cranberry sauce with yer name all over it!

See? It's startin' already.

'Til next time when I tell you what Vilma Yuccch asked when we were all sitting around a bonfire.

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A night at the museum

Awkward Moments Column by Steve Galea • Photos by Jenn Watt

ady, please put down the pitch fork," I said and prodded me one more time. calmly. "This is not what it looks like."

the barn with a farmer's daughter. The difference was, this time I wasn't dressed in a cow costume waiting for her to hook up the milking machine.

The last time I uttered those words, I was in

Margaret just straightened out her vintage police hat,

"What kind of weirdo would spend a night in a museum?" she asked.

"Hold it," I said, "First of all, I'm a completely normal guy."

As if on queue, fellow reporter Chad Ingram, yelled out from the next room, "Hey Steve, get over here. I found where that squirrel is hiding his nuts..."

Quick as a flash, Margaret lunged.

Before this, however, things were actually going according to plan. Provided, of course, that you discounted the parts where we got locked inside the Dorset Heritage Museum for the night, nearly resorted to cannibalism, and had a fruitless conversation with a stuffed squirrel.

But perhaps I should start at the beginning.

Seventeen hours earlier, editor Jenn Watt had decided that Chad and I should actually learn a little bit more about the area's history before another mishap happened.

'Hey," Ingram pleaded. "I'm sorry, but that book clearly said the old homesteaders couldn't have survived without a good hoe! What were we supposed to



Chad Ingram and Steve Galea have a staring contest with a shuffed squirrel at the Dorset Heritage Museum.

"Look Jenn," I chimed in, "I'm certainly no editor but I thought great-great-grandpa's libido was an excellent historical, human interest piece. And I think the sheer amount of letters you received bears me out on this one."

Three hours later, after the sensitivity training, Ingram and I were at the Dorset Heritage Museum to presumably learn a bit more about where the so-called

'misunderstanding" might have arose.
We arrived at 3:58 p.m., however, and the museum closed at 4. Things didn't look good.

"That's fine," Ingram said. "You can learn a lot in two minutes."

I then reminded him that this was exactly the same amount of time he had spent awake throughout his entire stay at journalism school.

"We're screwed," he conceded.



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Margaret Stroud, right, museum volunteer, kicks Ingram and Galea out of the museum.

What's with all the paddles?

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That's when I devised our plan.

"We'll go in, pretend we're mannequins, and stay after the museum closes," I announced.

"That's ridiculous," he said.

"Oh yeah," I countered. "Well, Watt told me that a lot of our readers already suspect we're dummies."

At 4:15, we had the place to ourselves. Our plan was to spend an hour or two learning about important things the early settlers did - sleep immediately came to mind - and then leave, secure in the knowledge that we'd finally understand our heritage a little better. Unfortunately, after we awoke, we discovered that we were locked in until the museum reopened at 10 a.m. on the following morning.

Like most people who face the prospect of spending a night with Ingram, I was both horrified and mildly intrigued, though I'll admit that the latter was largely based on the fact that he had unearthed an old milking machine.

But worse than the fear and uncertainty, was the gnawing hunger. We hadn't eaten in almost two and a half hours – and then it was only for an hour or two at an all-you-can-eat buffet. Soon, Ingram was looking at me in a way first popularized at the Donner Pass.

"Food," he mumbled. "We need food."

Call it a testament to my hunting prowess and survival instinct, but after a brief stalk, some skilled calling, and a hotly contested wrestling match, I had subdued and captured a stuffed squirrel. "Let's eat it," Ingram began.

"Are you crazy?" I said. "Let's interrogate it first."

In hindsight, I believe the stress of the situation might have got the better of us. Eat squirrel without a good red wine? It seems silly now.

Worse still, the rodent wasn't talking. And neither was the squirrel.

"Chad, it's time we split up and find some food and shelter to take us through the night," I said, taking charge. "That squirrel has to have a stash somewhere.

And so Ingram and I split up in hopes that at least one of us would survive to tell the tale. Our only pleasant thought was that death would mean that the other guy was stuck with the deadline.

Along the way, we saw incredible things that showed the ingenuity and genius of our forefathers. For instance, did you know that they moved logs cross country on the Gilmour Tramway, which, if the scale model is to be believed was only three inches high and approximately four feet in length?

Then, at the front of the building, I discovered a display of at least 20 artistic canoe paddles but only one canoe which suggested, to me at least, that the early canoes were overloaded but really fast.

The discoveries continued far beyond that, however. At 4 a.m. Ingram and I found what anthropologists have been seeking for years - the missing lynx. It was in the Natural History section in a glass case.

Lastly, of course, around 10 a.m., Chad finally found the nuts he had been dreaming of. Which coincided with when museum volunteer Margaret Stroud entered into the story.

I could go on, but as they say in the museum business, the rest is history.

If you really want to learn about our local heritage, plan to attend the Dorset Heritage Day on July 10 at the Dorset Heritage Museum, located at 1040 Main Street in Dorset. There, you'll be fascinated by interactive displays, a wildlife caller, the Muskoka Militia, a fur trader, horse-drawn log pulling, live music, antique stone crusher, canoe maker, stone carving, pottery making, quilt display, activities for the kids, and much more. Entry is by donation. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Heather Ross fights for what she believes

conomy, environment, equity are the Interesting big three" for Heather Ross. They're words that best sum up the concerns that her background pointed her towards at an early age.

When she was young, the Ross family travelled around Southern Ontario a lot, so Heather got a head start in understanding diversity.

After public school she attended York, Lakehead and Guelph universities. Her major was Experimental Psychology. "I could train a rat as well as anybody," Ross says with a laugh, "and I graduated in '67, which means I've been working as long as the Leafs haven't won the cup.

Ross's first job was with the federal government where she worked on the Canadian New Start project, which was roughly the equivalent of the American War on Poverty. Later on, continuing with the federal government, she moved on to regional economic development projects. "We put money into poorer regions of Canada in order to build economic and social development infrastructure around issues such as health care, education and training," she says.

For a few years Ross lived inSaskatchewan, where she worked on an

urban renewal program on behalf of the Company of Young Canadians. Later she worked for the Department of Northern Saskatchewan, where she was employed in database development.

"I worked on the first project in Northern Saskatchewan which dealt with determining the needs of women," Ross recalls, "and it was kind of

funny because at the meetings the women were in the front room, and the men were in the back room listening in, to make sure it was all going right." Ross then went on to obtain a position as a research specialist with the Women's Bureau. She eventually moved over to a department that dealt with regional and economic development for Northern Saskatchewan. She sat on numerous panels "as a woman representative," interviewing people for jobs on various projects.

"I was just a naive southerner in Northern Saskatchewan," Ross says. "I remember going to a bar for a drink and a man pulled out a gun. It was all so raw and intense back then, and my mind was completely blown." Naive or not, by this time Ross could see the inequities apparent in the north, and the failings of some government programs. "The situa-



After seeing so much injuctice toward native people, Heather Ross dedicated her life to helping them.

tion for the Métis and Status people was so unjust," she states, "and I decided to work for social justice on behalf of indigenous peoples, because the state is simply not going to bring social justice to First Nations.

So Heather Ross did a brave thing and quit her government managerial career and "went to work for the First Nations, living on a minimum wage, which in those days is what you expected if you were doing good work," says Ross.

She moved back to Ontario in the mid '70s and has been working for Indigenous Peoples in Northern Ontario, ever since. She's lived in such places as Timmins, Thunder Bay and Sioux Lookout. In the late '90s Ross inherited the family cottage on Davis Lake in the Haliburton

Highlands and set up her office there. She travels north whenever a contact calls for

"I've been working on behalf of First Nations for so long that we can do a lot of the business over the phone now," she states. "Of course computers make an incredible difference. In fact a lot of northern communities have better Internet access than we do, and if anybody wants to know about Northern Ontario beyond the roads they should Google k-net, because it shows what First Nations can accomplish. If, with support, they're then allowed to manage their own projects, they do a fine job. Our focus at the moment is in getting Canada to sign the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and in getting Ontario to also implement the declaration."

In what little spare time she's had Heather Ross has contributed significantly to local projects. She is a former long-serving member of the Community Economic Development Committee, and is part of a group that set up the Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival. Ross is active in trying to keep the Friends of the Frost Centre afloat, and she's been involved in a lot of the ground work in establishing a woman's shelter in the county.

Heather Ross is also a driving force behind a group which set up Environment Haliburton, which is a non-governmental organization with a mandate to protect and repair the local environment.

"Everything I know of the environment I learned from indigenous people," says Ross. "They believe in the cohesiveness of the world. Everything works together; air, people, water, animals and the earth. It's

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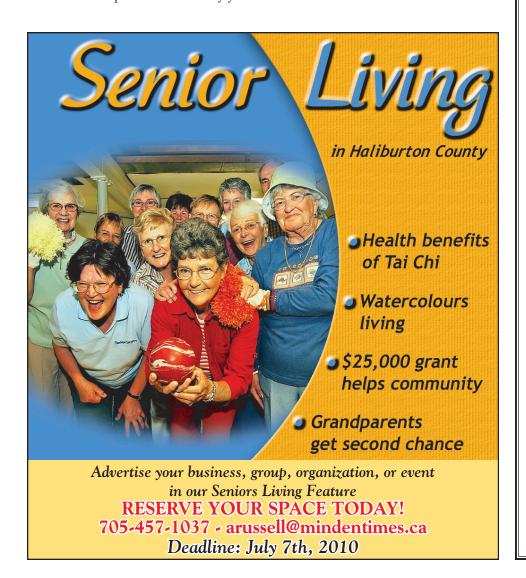
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Schedule of Events

HEAD LAKE PARK, HALIBURTON VILLAGE Saturday, July 10, 2010

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8:30 Highland Dancing Competition begins and continues through out the day

NORTHEAST MAIN FIELD

11:00 Heavy Events Competition begins and continues throughout the day

WEST MAIN FIELD

11:00 Childrens Program begins by YMCA Camp Wanakita

MAIN STREET

11:00 Parade through Town "A Call To the Games" MAIN FIELD

11:30 Opening Ceremonies 1st Massed Band Presentation

- 11:45 Border Collie Sheep Herding Larry & Sylvia Forster
- 12:15 Pipes and Drums of Lindsay
- 12:30 Kempenfelt Pipes and Drums
- 12:45 Penetanguishene Legion Pipes and Drums
- 1:00 Scottish Country Dancing acc. by Maggie and Duncan Keppie
- 1:15 White Heather Pipes and Drums
- 1:30 O.P.P. Canine Unit Demonstration
- 2:00 Highland Dancing Demonstration

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- 2:15 Grey and Simcoe Foresters Pipes and Drums
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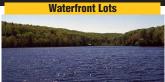
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Wilberforce celebrates Canada Day at Red Cross Outpost

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

Residents of Wilberforce lined the street outside the Red Cross Outpost to ring in the country's 143 birthday.

"I can't think of a better place to celebrate Canada Day than at a national historic site," said Hilda Clark, Wilberforce Heritage Guild member.

The festivities included the singing of the national anthem, God Save the Queen and This Land is your Land, all accompanied by local musician Bethany Houghton. Following the music the Canadian flag was raised by members of the Wilberforce legion.

Those in attendance were then invited to the Outpost's backyard for some sandwiches, free cake and afternoon activities.



Angelica Blenich Echo staff

People and dogs alike line the streets in Wilberforce to sing at the Canada Day festivities on





The Canadian Legion raises the flag during the Canada Day festivities at the Wilberforce



The Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost was all abuzz on July 1 for Canada Day festivities. The ceremony included the singing of the national anthem, the raising of the flag and a lunch which included free cake.



Darren Lum Echo staff

Jaime spins leaving bubbles in her wake at the Stuart Baker Elementary School Fun Day the second last day of school June 29.

Leaving school on a high note

The Stuart Baker Elementary School Fun Day was a joyous time for students who were laughing and playing through their last hour of school on the second last day

of the year on June 29. The annual year-end event hasdchildren rotate through activity stations such as bubble making and sprinkler run from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Braedon focuses on making his bubble at the Stuart Baker Elementary School Fun Day.





Georgia holds still as former SBES principal Micheline Johnson applies a heart to her face.

Reptiles are at risk in the Highlands

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

It's tough to be a snake or a turtle in Haliburton County.

Often unwelcome or unwanted by many of those living or cottaging in the county, reptiles have been getting a bad rap for many years and the truth about these animals may shock even the most skeptical.

A Reptiles at Risk workshop recently held at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery on June 28 set out to quash the rumours circling around these animals and set the record straight.

Hosted by The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and The Land Between collaborative, the workshop included information regarding the biodiversity of reptiles located in the county and the species that

"If you live or cottage up here you're in a very unique environment," said Leora Berman, program manager of The Land

The characteristics that make the area desirable for animals, according to Berman, are the rock formations and the intact natural setting. The surroundings make it an ideal environment for turtles and snakes, both of which are at risk.

"Turtles are one of the fastest declining species in the world," said Berman. "They are an important species because they support fish populations and keep the lakes clean and healthy."

One of the ways those in the county can most benefit a turtle or a snake is by reporting its whereabouts and leaving it

"If you're out there and you see something, specifically one of the at-risk species, we would like you to report it to us," said Sheila Ziman, chairperson of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. "We'd like to know what is out there and that's how you

Ziman encourages those who spot a turtle or a snake to contact the land trust either through their website, www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca, or by telephone at 754-2532.

One of the most common places where turtles are seen are on roads and highways, as it is typical for the female species to travel along paved areas while she searches for an area to lay her eggs.

If you come across a turtle while you are driving or walking, experts caution to proceed with care before handling the animal.

Gina Varrin, a turtle specialist with the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre, was on hand to give specific advice on how best to help a turtle cross the road, which is an important practice.

It takes a very long time, approximately 10 to 20 years, for a turtle to produce eggs,' said Varrin. "That's why it's not good when they get hit. Road mortality is the most common cause of premature death in Ontario turtles."

Varrin advises to approach a turtle from



Jenny Pearce of Sciensational Snakes holds up two snake species for all to admire at the Reptiles at Risk workshop, held on June 28 at the Fish Hatchery. Pearce brought a variety of live reptiles to the workshop including a Blanding's turtle, eastern milk snake and a northern ribbon snake.

> **Angelica Blenich** Fcho staff

behind and to use a shovel if available to scoop the animal up with. If using your hands, it is best to place one hand under the turtle's belly and the other underneath the back of its shell, right next to the tail.

"I call this the pizza box method," said Varrin. "Never grab the sides of the turtle or the tail. This is not good for them as the tail is the spine of the animal."

It is also crucial to place turtles in the direction they were originally going, as this helps them search out a location for their eggs, rather than confuse them.

When approached with an injured turtle, Varrin recommends putting it into a box and not into water, a common mistake often seen at the trauma centre.

You should record the location you found the turtle in and contact the trauma centre," said Varrin, "and of course you should always wash your hands after you've been handling a turtle."

Tips on how to handle a turtle are most important when dealing with a snapping turtle, as this particular species is unable to pull its head back into its shell therefore protects itself by snapping at its threats.

Following the turtle tips came the most interactive portion of the workshop, a presentation made by Jenny Pearce of Sciensational Snakes, who brought in a number of species for everyone to enjoy.

"The best way to learn about them is to meet them," said Pearce. "Once you meet them you will fall in love with them and want to help them."

Pearce brought out an eastern garter snake, a northern ribbon snake and an eastern milk snake for all to see. Pearce explained the characteristics and habits of all three types of snakes and allowed individuals to touch and feel their skin.

"Snakes get a bad rap," said Pearce. "They don't have slimy skin like most people think. Actually our skin is more oily than theirs."

If a snake is spotted on your property, said Pearce, the best thing to do is report it.

"Your sightings are very, very important," said Pearce. "You can help us do our job since there are only so many biologists out

Live turtles were also included in the workshop as was the importance of protecting the species.

"One of the questions asked is why do we want to save the turtles," said Pearce. "These creatures are beautiful animals that have been around for thousands of years.

"The truth is you would not want to swim in water without a turtle around. You want them because of what they eat, which is dead, rotting animals. Turtles are basically nature's garbage animal. They do all the work without costing us anything."

While turtles are necessary and therefore should be protected, Varrin warned that they, along with snakes, should not be relocated from their surroundings unless injured or dead.

'It's actually illegal according to the Fisheries and Wildlife Act to move wildlife more than one kilometre away from where it is found," said Varrin. "This is due to keeping an animal in its natural habitat and preventing the spreading of parasites."

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust will be hosting two more Reptiles at Risk workshops. They are scheduled to take place on: July 10, 2 p.m. at the R.D. Lawrence Place in Minden and on Aug. 14, 2 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre.



Logan was more than thrilled to be holding one of the snakes available at the Reptiles





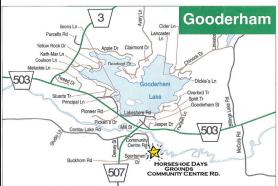
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Unforgettable experience for mother and daughter duo

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

For the mother and daughter team of Myrna MacBrien and Annie MacBrien-Lyons *The Goodbye Girl* musical was a perfect fit.

With the premise of the single mother, working in the theatre arts it was more than just uncanny that they would get the opportunity to act with each other in the Highlands Summer Festival play, running now until July 16.

"It's just weird that Annie happened to be the right age and I happened to be in the right situation," she said.

The Grade 7/8 teacher has been involved with theatre and is raising her 10-year-old daughter in a way quite similar to the play's premise.

Unlike strangers this team already knew what to expect from each other (for the most part) and it makes the acting experience far more relaxed.

"It makes things easier. I don't have to worry about her because she is here. She is so experienced. I don't have to worry about her getting her props or her costumes. She knows what to do so it is actually a lot easier," she said.

Usually actors use the rehearsals leading up to a performance to make the necessary connections, said her co-star Matt Selby, who was a little envious of the existing bond between the mother and daughter duo.



Darren Lum Echo staff

Myrna MacBrien and her daughter Annie MacBrien-Lyons are a real life mother and daughter, playing a mother and daughter in the Highlands Summer Festival play *The Goodbye Girl*.

"It's the hardest thing for an actor. Some are very natural at creating a bond right away," he said. "Luckily in the rehearsal period you get to create that bond and usually by opening night you're good."

Although this isn't the first time the mother and daughter have shared the stage, the two got the opportunity to

act opposite of each other, which taught MacBrien that her daughter could not only act well, but could learn the script lines better than her.

"That was a bummer. She picked it up so fast and I didn't," she said.

Through rehearsals MacBrien was often left surprised by how talented her daughter is and said it took great effort to not break from character to scream it aloud.

Annie always knew her mother could dance, but was given a real showcase of her talents and was impressed she said.

The first time they shared the stage was when Annie was three-years-old. For the single mother it started as a way to remain with her daughter and to pursue her passion that started eight years ago in *Scenes from my Dock* in Gravenhurst.

MacBrien and her daughter, who used to live in Huntsville, are now residents of Oakville, but have been regular visitors to the area because of friends such as Sue Shikaze and Thom Lambert.

Years before MacBrien taught she worked at the Bark Lake Leadership Centre with Lambert and attended teachers' college with Shikaze.

She has also worked with local singer and songwriter David Archibald over the years.

It's the people and the place that has always stayed with her and keeps her coming back to Haliburton.

MacBrien isn't sure if they'll get another opportunity to share the stage in such a significant way, but will always remember acting with her daughter.

"You know when people take their family to Walt Disney World and it is that trip of a lifetime you'll always remember it. It's sort of like that for me. This is as I'll always remember it for as long as I live."



Left, Annie MacBrien-Lyons, playing Lucy McFadden, listens to Matt Selby, playing Elliot Garfield, at the kitchen table, learning Italian, as her mother Myrna MacBrien, playing her mother Paula McFadden watches on.



Darren Lum Echo staff

The Marathon club, who were coached by Stephanie Metzger show off their medals, from left, front, Aaliyah, Jocelyn, Ashley; back, from left, Jaime, Coleman, Sydney, and Shelly. Each of these athletes ran more than 42 km this year.



The recipients for the Crystal Bain Volunteer Award ,from left, Jack Bush, reading tutor, and Jenn Sharp, chair of the school council, lunch and breakfast helper, and fundraiser, accept the honour Bain's daughter Tannis Bain-Gross and her mother Brenda Bain.

Students and volunteers recognized for year of hard work

It was a time for reflection, recognition and thanks on the final day of the school year at the Stuart Baker Elementary School awards ceremony on Wednesday, June 30.

Principal France Meunier thanked her volunteers and recognized her students' achievements such as the Green Team, the milk helpers and the Marathon Club mem-

Volunteer Don Sampson, who died suddenly last year, was recognized by the school for his efforts with a donation of books in his name that were accepted by his wife, son, granddaughter and grandson.

"He was a very nice man, a gentle man. The kids liked him," Judy Phipps said.

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Harcourt hosts Canada Day fun

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

Residents of Harcourt had lots to celebrate on July 1 as the community hosted Canada Day events for the first

Residents and cottagers alike came out to support the event donning their best red and white outfits.

Organized by the owners of the South Algonquin Cookhouse, Harcourt was hopping with a pancake breakfast, classic car show, local artisans, a barbecue and carnival activities, such as an obstacle course and cotton candy.

One of the day's main attractions was a dunk tank, which saw the likes of Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton up on the plank. Burton was dunked rather hastily and was followed by reeve candidate Jack Bartholomew along with other participants.



Angelica Blenich Echo staff

Sisters, from left, Claire, Maizy and Emily were all smiles at the Harcourt Canada Day festivities as they ate their hot dogs and don their best patriotic attire.



Becca shows her Canadian pride at the Harcourt Canada Day festivities on July 1 while having some fun on the jumping castle.

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Tree-cutting bylaw to benefit lakes



New official plan amendment right decision, reeve says

Jenn Watt Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the annual general meeting of Lake Kashagawigamog Organization at the Northern Lights Pavilion June 19.

It may be a nightmare to enforce, but the county's new tree-cutting bylaw is worth the effort, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey told the LKO meeting.

Part of the official plan amendments at the county level, the bylaw seeks to curtail cutting of trees by shorelines for cosmetic

"It's the right thing for the right reason at the right time, maybe a little late," he said.

Fearrey, who owns property on the lake, said Rob Davis of EcoEthic visited him to do an evaluation of Fearrey's shoreline - something he found very valuable.

"We had him at our house it was an education ... when you hear how important it is to leave the natural vegetation along the shoreline, if ... we're going to have Kashagawigamog the way it is now 50 years from now we have to move forward and stop the clear-cutting and fertilizer and grass cutting right to the lake," he said.

Landfills short on space

If you don't need to take it to the landfill, don't, Fearrey told the LKO members.

While it's easier to load a pile of brush onto your trailer and pay \$5 at the gate to dispose of it, that chipped wood takes up valuable space, he said.

"You know what? We're filling it up with stuff that never used to go to the landfill site, once those things are chipped and we use the chips for cover it'll be under the sand for the next 50 years taking up space. If we can think about that and at least join with vour neighbour to chip it up we can save a lot of money and a lot of space," he said.

Dysart is working on expanding the current landfill space.

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon echoed Fearrey's thoughts, telling the group that while Minden has more space in its landfills, the types of garbage coming in is filling things up faster than would have happened years ago.

'Just last week alone two full houses showed up intact on a trailer. People are tearing their houses down, rebuilding new ones. We never used to get this stuff at our landfill site before," McMahon said.

Later in the meeting the two reeves were asked about whether the county would consider a single-tier waste management system, rather than every municipality doing its own thing.

Fearrey said at this point the costs of such a coordinated effort would be "astronomical" since garbage would have to be hauled across such a wide geographical area. He also noted that the certificates of approval that each landfill has might be jeopardized by such a move.

Reeves explain tax pressures

Both McMahon and Fearrey went over some of the financial pressures at the local and county levels that lead to increases on residents' tax bills.

"We did the best we could this year with taxation. The county lost \$1.8 million in provincial funding and the municipality lowered its tax rate. We lowered the actual tax rate by five per cent. The unfortunate thing is that most of you got an increase in your assessment of nine to 10, so you did notice a slight increase," he said.

McMahon explained that many costs have gone up over time, including policing, which increased by more than \$400,000 since 2006.

"Policing costs this year alone have gone up 15.6 per cent," he said.

But he also celebrated the grant funding Minden Hills received - \$6.4 million of it -"we took advantage of every grant that was offered by the feds and the province this year and last year and the year before," he

Lake plan begun

LKO is embarking on a comprehensive lake plan based on the Federation of Cottage Associations manual, Rob Davis told

Part of that plan includes mapping the lake's attributes such as lake trout populations and shoreline features.

"So many lakes are doing this and we represent [politicians'] salary in office," Davis said.

Over the span of very few years these types of plans have become better recognized by not only municipalities but also

"This is a big job," outgoing president Graham Parkinson said, noting LKO will need high participation levels in its survey, which will inform the plan.

Not only will members of LKO need to be included in the survey, but also those around the lake not paying membership dues and those 1,000 metres back from the

The planning process will take about three years to put together.



Part of the official plan amendments at the county level, the bylaw seeks to curtail cutting of trees by shorelines for cosmetic reasons. /File photo

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Event not only about money from page 1

raised \$208,500, which compares solidly with much larger centres such as Peterborough that raised \$220,000 with 84 teams, the City of Kawartha Lakes that raised \$132,000 with 54 teams and Northumberland that raised \$270,000 with



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It is a beaming example of a community's strength to unite for the common goal of defeating cancer, said its

Co-organizer Mike Iles had nothing but praise for everyone involved following the event.

"The event is not strictly about money but [we can] certainly be proud of what we have raised as it is certainly a great indicator of the success of the event and also a great indicator of the tremendous amount of work that you as a committee have put forth," said Iles. "We had our biggest number of survivors and caregivers at this event and we hope that this number continues to grow. The growth of this means that more people are surviving the dreaded dis-

There were 310 survivors and caregivers, more than 500 walkers from 58 teams, including 110 volunteers who participated and helped with the event.

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County 'strong, energetic': organizer

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Co-organizer Aggie Tose emphasized this ongoing total is a result of the community spirit and dedication to fight

"Our team is amazing and we would not have had this success without each of us doing our part," she said in an email. "Haliburton County is one strong and energetic community. We are all very lucky to live and work here. The display of yellow ribbons in both Haliburton and Minden showed exactly how working together we could make a difference."

The credit also goes to the business partners of the county, said Tose. "Our sponsors are marvelous and this event would certainly be more difficult to pull together without each and every one. Our entertainers and spa volunteers excel in their fields and make our unique event one to remember. Finally our volunteers are second to none, they make all our thoughts and plans come to life," Tose said.

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Darren Lum Echo staff

Joel Hicks of Haliburton takes a break from walking to get some special treatment during the relay in June.



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Focus to stay on Enduros during meeting

meeting to observe the arguments against the bikes and after listening to many presentations, came to the mike to address the noise issue that many reported from the motorbikes.

"I understand what people are saying, I believe in a lot of the opinions that have been expressed tonight, just a couple of things to give you a little insight into what our organization does," Kirk Holden said.

The OFTR works to lower noise levels on Enduros to 94 decibels and its 1,600 members attempt to educate other riders about the benefits of a quieter ride, he said.

Just as Holden was beginning his rebuttal of the group's sentiment, he was asked to wrap it up by meeting organizer Pamela Marsales, who said his comments were riling the crowd.

You have one more minute [to speak] because you're raising the stress level," she

Despite many calls from audience members asking Holden to stay and finish his points, he abruptly left the meeting.

"I felt people tensing up and I had right on the agenda here that this was a safe space for people to express their feelings. ... This was a meeting for citizens who were concerned about the prospect of Enduros being on the Rail Trail. That was clearly identified," she told the group later in the meeting when someone lamented that Holden left the meeting.

The noise levels of the bikes, even if muffled to 94 decibels, is still too loud for a country trail, one adjacent landowner told the group.

The approximate decibel level of low amounts of car traffic is 60.

"Ninety-four decibels is still too loud. It's my experience that I can hear these things at one-and-a-half kilometres away," said the man, who asked to remain anonymous.

The whole point here is that even though the OFTR has some good intentions and they're sort of following rules with their tests and they're trying ... to rectify it, not everybody's a member of the OFTR, not everybody thinks knocking the noise out of their bike is the right thing and not everybody follows the rules. We don't have enough police to police our highways, let alone to police our trails," he said.

Others worried about safety, given that there is no formal enforcement body and the mix of high-speed bikes with pedestrians, dogs, horses and bicycles could result in a bad accident.

Fearrey told the crowd that any liability for such accidents would fall on the county and come out of the taxpayers' pockets.

A former Enduro bike rider, Gus Janca, said that he didn't see much benefit to the Rail Trail for a rider other than to go really fast. since it's so flat and straight.

"The way I rode, I would not have found the Rail Trail much fun," he said.



Jenn Watt Echo staff

Pamela Marsales speaks to a group of concerned citizens about Enduro bikes on the Rail Trail.

"I like to ride trails that are much narrower that require a lot more skill and you couldn't really do much speed. The only fun I could think of that an Enduro bike rider would get from the Rail Trail would be to open 'er up. ... I think there's a real safety issue there," he said.

In the past, the Enduro bike community. led by Gooderham resident and OFTR executive director Ken Hoeverman, has argued that the bikes have just as much right to the trail as anyone else – especially since other motorized users such as ATVs and snow-

It was the sentiment of many - but not all - at Wednesday night's meeting that ATVs were also unwanted on the trail, but that the fight to get them off was a long way away. Many times, members of the group would try to realign discussion back to the bikes, since the vote at county council is only about Enduros.

They also cautioned that the debate cannot get personal, since it is only the purpose of the Rail Trail being discussed, not the behaviour of bikers or the legitimacy of their sport.

"It's not about them or their activity, it's about what they want to do on that trail," said Sean Pennylegion of the cycling coa-

"I think it's really important that we try to stay as dispassionate as possible," he said.

By the end of the meeting, the "Silent Majority" had decided to take a number of tactics to convince councillors to keep Enduros away from the trail.

Some were chosen to speak to council representing specific interests such as adjacent landowners, cyclists, pedestrians and health professionals, while others committed to call councillors and write emails, while others confirmed they would attend the meeting with labels on their shirts reading "Silent Majority."

Dick Charron of the cycling coalition said that a letter was sent to council stating that Enduros on the Rail Trail actually contravened the official plan, which specifies that land should not be used for activity that degrades the environment or jeopardizes health and public safety.

The meeting concerning Enduro bikes takes place at council chambers in Minden at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7.

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Fleming grad dines with the Queen

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

The opportunities of a lifetime continue to come to local resident Jason Boylan.

On July 5, Boylan enjoyed the honour of having lunch with her majesty the Queen of England.

Invited by Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, Boylan will be dining with Queen Elizabeth, the Duke of Edinburgh and McGuinty at Pinewood Toronto Studios, Canada's largest film and television production complex.

Boylan, who lives in Gooderham, was the first resident of Ontario to participate in a new provincial initiative called the Second Career program after being laid off from his job in the automotive manufacturing sector in Woodstock.

in the automotive manufacturing sector in Woodstock.

The program afforded Boylan the chance to go back to school and receive a post secondary education in a field of his choice. The invitation follows on the heels of various engagements Boylan has been involved with since graduating from Fleming College in Peterborough.

"I've been working a lot with Dalton McGuinty," said Boylan. "The program helped me a lot and I think I owe it to the program to give back."

Boylan, who has British roots, said the opportunity to meet a member of the royal family is not lost on him.

"I'm asking her out on a date," said Boylan in regards to

what he would say if given the chance to talk to her.

"Thank God I learned proper etiquette while I was in college. "I think it's awesome to be sitting down for lunch with the most powerful woman in the world."

Since graduating from Fleming College with a diploma in

culinary management, Boylan has been working as a chef at Applejack's restaurant in Haliburton village.

"Î think all these opportunities that have happened to me are pretty good for a guy from Haliburton."



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Description of Lands:

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Roll No. 46 24 020 000 59300 0000; 2228 Trapper's Trail, Haliburton; 1stly: PIN 39266-0249(LT) Lot 60, Plan 516, 2ndly: 1/14 interest in PIN 39266-0259(LT) Lot 36, Plan 516 as in H161403; Dysart et al, Haliburton. File 07-07

Minimum Tender Amount: \$7166.17

Roll No. 46 24 050 000 37300 0000; PIN 39149-0222(LT) Part "Shopping Centre" on Plan 329 as in H165447; Dysart et al, Haliburton. File 09-16

Minimum Tender Amount: \$4432.82

Tenders <u>must</u> be submitted in the prescribed form and <u>must</u> be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or a bank draft or a cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the *Municipality of Dysart et al* and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act*, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant land transfer tax.

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These tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28th, 2010.

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Many celebrate Canada Day in Guilford

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2278

Below are the results from the Canada Day festivities in West Guilford:

Jim Milne piped for the opening ceremonies. Flag raisers: Mia Quigley, Jack Morrison Miss Canada Day: Alex Muenzel Canada Day citizen: Evelyn Stata

Pine Lake swim: First-Blake Paton (31.10), Second-Shannon Hunter (35.31), Third-Kelly Taylor (37.21)

Horseshoe tournament: First-Mike Byrnes and Don Cowlees Jr., Second-Marnie Couture and Rick Dingman, Third-Larry Miscio and Kyle Cox

Cross-cut saw: First-Bernie Upton and Emile Duchene (0:33), Second-Andy Perrin and Scott Smith (0:41), Third-Steve Miscio and Kevin Gordon (1:13)

Pie contest winners: First-Robin Woodcock, Second-Pat Bain, Third-Marj Nicholls

oldest man: Karl Dugan (85)
Oldest man: Karl Dugan (85)
Oldest woman: Phrona Sisson (89)
Youngest boy: Will Farlinger (May 11, 2010)
Youngest girl: Makayla Trueman (June 11, 2010)
Children's hockey challenge: First-Matthew Gordon
Most descendants: Phrona Sisson

Also on July 1, five of us from the Guilford Stanhope area participated in the opening ceremonies for Canada

Day in Minden as part of the Highlands Concert Band. The band included Paul Irwin on trombone, Keith Browns on saxophone, Beth Johns on French horn, Bas Bowthorn on trumpet and myself on clarinet. We performed ourtwelve numbers before noon and finished by playing "O Canada" for the audience after the Minden Legion members had marched to Bill Medland's Silver Flutes band on parade. Nicholas Chumbley was a member of the latter band.

One of our local residents was recently in a project to support our green environment while working as team leader at our Haliburton Sears on Hwy 118.

Susan Norcross worked with others at Sears to encourage residents to drop off their broken, outdated or no longer in use electronics (televisions, telephones, cellphones, radios, computer parts) for recycling through Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES). Further information is available at www.dowhatyoucan.ca.

The only note I have received re Guilford's graduates is that of Drew Paul, son of Judi and Andy Paul. Drew was named athlete of the year and most valuable player in three sports. He also won another award of distinction, congratulations Drew!

Please call me if you have graduation people in your family. It's never too late to let me know.

Euchre scores are as follows for June 19: High- Margaret Ross, Bill Marshall Low- Tina Hadley, Ed Muenzel Most lone hands- Iris Freeman, Ron Bain Colleen Davison won the only special prize.

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Devolin launches new email program to reduce costs

Local MP Barry Devolin is launching a new email program in response to constituent concerns regarding the number of flyers being sent from his office.

"I have been listening to what people have been saying," said Devolin. "What some people may not realize is that, in addition to complaints about the amount of mail I send out, I also receive many positive comments from constituents who appreciate my efforts to keep them informed."

"In an effort to balance these two points of view, I hope my new email program will achieve two important objectives – keeping people informed while reducing mail costs and saving trees."

In the coming weeks, each registered voter in the riding will receive a letter asking a series of questions on a wide range of topics. The mailing will also ask voters if they would like to receive regular email updates.

"I hope people let me know what issues they are interested in," said Devolin. "I also hope constituents provide me with an email address so I can send them information about local events and new government programs and services."

Devolin acknowledged the irony that achieving his goal of using less mail will actually involve sending out another letter.

"In the long term, this will reduce the amount of paper mail I send out," said Devolin.

"I am excited to try this new technology, and I encourage everyone to participate in this initiative."

"It should be noted that I will still send out householders and flyers for events like Passport Clinics and Seniors Seminars," said Devolin. "I appreciate that not everyone has e-mail. Having said that, I want to reduce my reliance on paper mail for both economic and environmental reasons."



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St. Margaret's Church kicks off 90th anniversary with an evening of music

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An evening of music at St. Margaret's Church in Wilberforce on Sunday, July 11 is the first of its 90th anniversary year celebrations. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a fine variety of music. The program includes a duet of Bill Gliddon on keyboard with Bethany Houghton on cello and another instrumental duet of Mark Bramham, trumpet and Elsie Lewis, organ. Vocals will include a duet by Lindsay Coates and Wayne Cooper. Plan to enjoy all this and more, including some congregational singing. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Music from the viola and fiddle of Bethany Houghton welcomed Canada Day participants to our National Historic Site. Uniformed members of Branch 624 Royal Canadian Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary with their colours smartly and proudly supported Len Crawford acting Sergeant-at-arms in the flag salute.

Led by Bethany's music and an excellent impromptu chorus everyone heartily sang "O Canada" and "God Save The Queen." Then followed a rousing rendition of the old favourite "This Land Is Your Land."

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild was delighted to again host the Wilberforce Canada Day celebrations which included refreshments on the Outpost's back lawn. How pleasant to share time at this delightful and very historic place for our country's 143rd birthday party. The Queen was in Ottawa but we are sure she would have enjoyed tea and cake with us just as well.

Celebrations of another kind took place on Sunday, July 4. The lives of two much loved and respected people were remembered that day.

Mary Donald, twin sister of the late Dennis Fiddler died recently at her cottage here on Grace Lake. Her family arranged a time of remembrance for this dearly beloved person at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Tributes for "Aunt Mary" planned for her 90th birthday later this summer, came early. Mary had been a very big part of the lives of her nieces, nephews and other family members who spoke glowingly of her.

Mary loved to dance and it was while dancing competitively in her own designed and sewn gowns that she met Nick Donald, her late husband. She also loved dogs from the ones she and Nick bred and showed across the continent to Toto her companion in later years. Dance, dogs family and the love of her Wilberforce cottage were always important to Mary.

Though many of the Fiddler clan lived and worked in the Hamilton area and now live throughout the province, Wilberforce and cottage life have always been part of their lives since the early 1930s. Visits to the cottage of Aunt

Daisy and Uncle Charlie Morris originally introduced them to Wilberforce. No wonder then that Mary's memorial was held in Wilberforce near so many of their favourite summer places. Mary would have loved the gathering and maybe even have attempted a dance as the bagpipes played out as the gathering continued over coffee.

Condolences are extended to Mary's family and appreciation extended for heartfelt tributes to a special aunt.

The life of Sid Brinkman of Blue Hawk Lake was celebrated on Sunday afternoon July 4. His wife Wendy Bateman and all of his family had planned to celebrate Sid's 88th birthday that day. Sid died peacefully on June 30 while waiting for Wendy at the Haliburton School of the Arts. After a time of visiting at the Haliburton Funeral Home a memorial service was held in the Chapel. It was led by Rev. Canon Anne Moore assisted by Margaret Rodrigues. From the processional music of "We'll Meet Again" to the recessional "It's A Wonderful Life" the service paid tribute to Sid's life. Spoken word and special music by family members paid tribute to a man much loved and appreciated for the large influence Sid had on their lives. Sid will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered. His gentle presence will be missed at St. Margaret's Church where he and Wendy have worshipped for a number of years. Condolences are extended to Wendy and all of his family and friends.

Coming Events

community calendar What's happening in the County



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- July 7: Yoga in the Park with Haliburton Yoga from 7:00 8:00 pm Meet us at the front doors of the Dysart Library Branch. Admission is by donation and proceeds will go to support the Haliburton County Food for Kids Program. For more information call Lynda at 457-3121. Everyone is welcome. Please note bring your own water and mat and cancelled if
- July 8: Kinmount Music in the Park Presents Zoe Chilco Jazz/Blues. All ages are invited to attend an exciting series of open-air concerts by the river in Kinmount every Thursday evening in July and August starting at 6:30 pm to dusk. Bring a lawn chair and sit back to enjoy a remarkable range of musical offerings under the open skies by the river. This year the series presents the following groups and performers.
- July 8: The Taoist Tai Chi Society(TM) An introductory course of 5 classes in Taoist Tai Chi (TM) begins on Thursday, July 8 at 6.00 to 8.00 pm at the United Church, Pine St, Haliburton. Course fee \$40. Taoist Tai Chi (TM) is a gentle form of exercise which can help you improve your strength, flexibility and balance. Come learn what tai chi could do for you. For more information, please call Brenda 447-2148 or Maria 457-2200
- July 9: Wilberforce Roller Hockey at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena Summer Roller Hockey will kick off on Fridays starting July 9 and Mondays starting July 12 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm and will continue until Labour Day. Must have own equipment as arena does not supply anything. For more information and age requirement please contact Braedin McConnell 448-2966 or Karen Hutt 448-2814/448-2822.
- July 9: Harcourt's Annual 3 Pitch Tournament at the Harcourt Community Centre Interested teams please call Don
- July 10: Moore Lake Property Owners' Association 10th Annual AGM 10:00 am at the Noble Motel and Restaurant on Hwy 35, Moore Falls, coffee and registration at 9:30 am. Meet canditates for Minden Hills election on October 25th. Question and answer segment. Please bring a lawn chair. Refreshments and snacks to follow.
- July 10: FOCA Presents Keep the Family in your Family Cottage, with feature speaker Peter Lillico, Estate Planning Lawyer - Providing information and guidance to waterfront owners to ensure the cottage stays in the family for future generations. Join us at Pinestone Inn and Country Club from 10 – 11:30 am.

- July 10: SLACAR South Lake Association of Cottagers and Residence Annual General Meeting To be held at the Gelert Hall, Meet your Neighbours, coffee served at 9:30 am, 50/50 draw. For more information please call Patti Prentice
- July 10: The Horseshoe Lake Property Owners' Assocation will be holding a Walk, Run, Bike around the lake as a fundraiser for the Minden Food Bank - Registration is at the Wildlife Preserve at 9 am (rain date is July 11) Please bring a cash donation or non perishable food items. 5km and 10km distances will be marked. Run will be followed by a BBQ. Call Laura 286-6593 for more information.
- July 10: Join Award-winning Canadian Children's Musician Jake Differ for a Song-filled Adventure in a Jungle of Colourful Musical Characters! - With Jake exuberantly leading the way on guitar, flute and voice, everyone participates in the musical fun! This is a free concert at the Stanhope Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library and is brought to you by the Friends of Haliburton County Public Library. The Stanhope Branch is at 1109 North Shore Road in the Township of Algonquin Highlands. For more information, call 457-2241.

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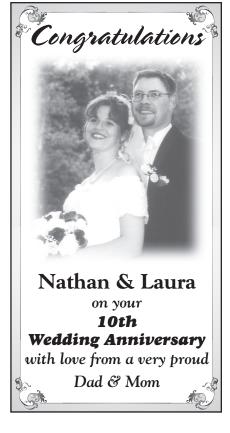
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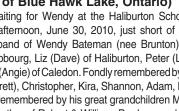
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Custom 2 storey waterfront home on a level lot with 160 ft of fantastic sand shoreline. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, pine kitchen, double sided stone fireplace, large living area, cathedral ceilings. Double garage with loft. \$539,000



Very private 'Linwood' cottage. 299ft frontage & 12 acres. Screened porch, large deck. Natural lot, Motor restricted lake. Naturalist's Deliaht! \$499,900



Immaculate property on 5 lake chain. Pretty view, shallow sand shore ideal for tots. 2+1br, Zbaths, open concept Ir/dr, galley kit. Solarium & deck to enjoy view. Full fin w/o bsmt. Det grg & Sauna. Landscaped. \$469,000



LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE

Immaculate cottage or home. Private, natural, treed lot. 216' frtg. S/W exposure sand beach. Dock & sitting deck at beach Quality built. \$449,500



GREEN LAKE cular sand beach point lot waterfront home. West exposure. Landscaped lot incl. creek & footbridge. Hot tub room, attached garage, all wheelchair access.

\$439,000



MISKWABI LAKE

home. Country feeling with warm wood interior. Wrap around deck, awesome view, deck & barge at shoreline. Year round road, excellent fishing lake. Sure to please.



& paddling, Drag Lake Beach & boat launch right across the road. 8 acres all your own. Open concept, cathedral ceiling, lots of windows. Full fin w/o basement & more! \$349,900



CUSTOM HOME Sandford Court. 'Simcoe' Model. 1682sf w/ full basement. Finish to suit. 3br, 2 bath. Main fir laundry. Foyer. Cultured stone & Maebec

siding. Dbl att garage. 2.68 ac lot. Privacy.
Minutes to town. Tarion Warranty. \$329,900



RIDGEVIEW ROAD

Custom built 3br, 4 bath. 2600sf living space. Beautiful cedar deck.MBR with balcony. Finished lower with spa room. Awesome village views, private pretty lot.

\$319,000.



INCOME OPPORTUNITY

4 unit apartment building. Good location. Easy rentals, Immaculate grounds, paved driveway, easy highway access. Live in, rent out, tenants pay the mortgage.

\$299.999



ESSON LAKE PRIVATE ISLAND

Super lot 245' frtg. Gorgeous sand & stone Gooderham Lake 3 br cottage. Short trip from mainland. Clean shoreline. Traditional cottage shoreline, gradual stepped lot. Private, treed, Crow with central stone fireplace. Septic & hydro Land behind you. Winterized cottage with block bsmt. Loads of potential. Experience this! \$299,000

\$299,000



GREEN LAKE

Yr rnd home/cottage on water's edge. Gorgeous sand beach, level lot. Full w/o bsmt. Wraparound deck. Close to golf, store, skiing. 3 lake chain. Additional Backlot included.

\$299,000



Totally renovated home on 3.38 ac lot. New contemporary kitchen w/island. Bright open concept. W/O to back deck. New carpet & ceramic flr. Fresh paint. 2-4pc baths. Large Recroom. Garage w/

carport. 'Turn Key' Home.



\$258,000



HIGHWAY 35

12 Mile Lake right across the road. Great view, great location for a home based business. acious, bright appealing home. Many upgrades & features for any family.

\$249,900.



PARISH LINE

Definite country charm in this 3 bedrm home close to Haliburton Village. Spacious rooms, woody ambiance, quit private. Large eat-in kitchen w/wood cookstove, LR w/ stone fp & insert. All weather front porch, single car garage with carport and shed.

\$249,900



COUNTY ROAD 21 HOME

Top location between Haliburton & Minden on nearly 5 acres. Privacy, country surroundings with a very well maintained 3BR home plus large Good value for your family home o

\$239,900



PARADISE LAKE

Private park-like setting. Treed shoreline with big whispering pines. 2br cottage, bright sunporch & sitting room. Detached garage. Pumphouse/shed at lake. Great fishing, minutes to village

\$224,900



GULL RIVER

Lovely 2br home. Open concept. 4pc bath & main flr ldry. Bright solarium & large deck overlooks riverfront. Full bsmt, large recroom-utility-workshop. Deck at water's edge. Shows pride of ownership!

\$229,000.



GREAT FAMILY HOME Spacious 2 storey. Living & Family room, laundry on the main. Walkout to deck. Full fin bsmt w/ recrm, bedrm, 3pc. Central air & vac, alarm

system & more \$229,000.



GREAT LOCATION!

Ideal for contractor or home business. Large parking area & driveway. Dbl att garage/ kshop plus other outbuildings. Stone and bric home. Lots of room & potential. \$199,900.



GUILFORD LAKE

Gradually sloping lot with 350 ft frontage & 1.1 acres. Hydro & phone available. Year round private road. Algonquin style lake & area

\$155,000



HALIBURTON HOME

2 bedroom home situated in a prime location for a home based business close to town. 2.5 acres, nice view, mature trees. Huge garage and shed Most windows new, septic, drilled well & newer FA propane furnace. \$131,900.



WENONA LAKE ROAD

Home or Cottage. 2 bedrm bungalow situated on a level lot & close to access to lake. Large eat-in kitchen with oak cupboards, large livingroom with brick fireplace. Main floor laundry. \$129,900



GELERT ROAD

Three bedrm home, nice bright & clean. Laminate floor throughout, pine kitchen, Sunroom, gazebo and 2 storage sheds. Close to Haliburton Village. Good starter home. \$119,900



SKI AREA LOT

Nicely treed lot close to the ski hill. On North Road with Phone & hydro available. Area of newer homes

\$19,900



Brokerage Independently Owned & Operated QUESTION: I received an offer to buy my home just one week after it was placed on the market. Is it possible that the price was set too low? Should I be skeptical of a good offer which comes so fast?

ANSWER: It's human nature to assume that if you receive such a good offer after only a week, that you'd get even better offers by waiting.

REAL ESTATE UPDATE

It rarely works that way. Experience has shown that the first offer is often the best one. This is because a listing is exposed to a large group of potential buyers. Your best offer is likely to come from that group. Be cautious before rejecting a good early offer out of hand.



EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN that your best offer might be one of the first received.